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This is my response to the SD2.

In the section on Recreation Facilities, mention is made of Horse Trails. There are no horse trails at the project ~~* 2100*~~.

Prior to the ALP, there had been three major combination Hiking/equestrian trails:

① Dan Beebe Trail

② Roy Rogers Trail

③ Loafer Creek Loop Trail

Now, these trails have been mechanized with the addition of Bicycle Traffic. They do not at all qualify as "horse trails".

You know that DPR and DWR have created a huge controversy by this action. The SD2 needs to explore alternatives for the management of these Recreation Facilities.

Furthermore, the Brad Freeman Mountainbike trail is an admitted failure. Alternatives for mountainbike trails also should be explored in SD2.

In the scoping documents' section on Alternatives to the proposed action, more alternatives should be explored.

specifically, the alternative of expanding the hydropower output to get closer to maximum potential should be explored.

DWR is, I believe, a public trust department ("agency") and owes it to the taxpayer to efficiently utilize the public resources that it is monopolizing at this project.

I also feel that the Department needs to explore the alternative of coordinating its water releases with those of major dams in the Central Valleys' watersheds. This can help reduce the "straying" of salmon from the Feather River to other rivers.

This alternative in the operation of Oroville Dam could help prevent the severe reduction in the trucking of F.R. fish to the San Pablo Bay as is currently done. This trucking has really helped build up the Salmon run on the Feather River, but it is being proposed that we quit it because of straying concerns.

DWR simply must ~~fully~~ explore alternatives to their proposed action more fully, ("in good faith").

Truly Yours

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